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SUBJECT: REPORTED IDA ASSISTANCE TO LIBERIAN FORESTRY PROJECT

- 1. EMBOFF TODAY RECEIVED FROM LOCAL CATERPILLAR DEALER INQUIRY CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (IDA) PROPOSAL FINANCE FORESTRY PROJECT IN LIBERIA. CAT REP HAS COPY OF MEMORANDUM (IN FRENCH) CONCERNING PROJECT. MEMORANDUM DATED JAN. 22, 1974 AND SIGNED "F.L. BOGGIA, I.D.A. GENERAL MANAGER." COPY SENT LOCAL DEALER BY CAT REP IN SWITZERLAND.
- 2. ACCORDING MEMORANDUM, FORESTRY PROJECT INVOLVES EXPLOITATION 1 MILLION ACRES, IN LOFA COUNTRY, LIBERIA. PROJECT ENTAILS INVESTMENT ESTIMATED \$6 MILLION INCLUDING \$3 MILLION FOR EQUIPMENT.
- 3. WHILE TIMBER PROJECT PROBABLY BANKABLE AND APPROPRIATE IFC INTEREST, TIMBER CONCESSION DOES NOT APPEAR NORMAL IDAFINANCED PROJECT UNLESS CONNECTED WITH INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. HOWEVER, THIS REPORT COINCIDES WITH OTHER FRAGMENTAL INFORMATION RECEIVED BY EMBOFFS CONCERNING "IDA MONEY FOR LIBERIA," AND REPORTS THAT IDA REP WHO RECENTLY VISITED SHOWED INTEREST IN FORESTRY.
- 4. ACTION REQUESTED: IN VIEW POSSIBILITY SUBSTANTIAL SALES US EQUIPMENT IF PROJECT COMES FRUITION, EMB WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT OBTAIN FROM IBRD ADDITIONAL IFORMATION UNCLASSIFIED

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